

**2016
Spring/Summer
Adult Softball Program**



PARKS, RECREATION &
COMMUNITY SERVICES

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start securing sponsors and



LET'S PLAY BALL!!!



Welcome

Welcome to the City of Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services 2016 Spring/Summer Softball Program.

During this season, the City of Kent will offer organized leagues for Men's, Churches and Coed teams.

As a coach or player, you will be participating in the popular sport of softball. This recreational program is provided for your fun and enjoyment. Your cooperation, good sportsmanship, and communication with our league office are important in making this program a success.

Included in this packet is information on "who, what, when, where, why and how much" for the upcoming season. Please review the information. Additional information can be located on the Kent Parks Web page at www.KentWA.gov/sportsleagues/adultsoftball or by calling the Recreation staff at 253.856.5000 or stopping by the Kent Commons Community Center at 525 4th Ave. North, Kent, WA 98032.

Team managers/coaches: If you have changed, deleted or are using a different mailing address, email address and/or phone number from the initial ones you provided, please contact the Kent Commons Community Center so we can update our database.

NEW FOR 2016...Each field will have a field supervisor assigned during all games. Field Supervisors responsibilities will include the following:

- monitor each game,
- keep official scorebook,
- operate scoreboard,
- observe teams and game officials,
- enforce league rules
- other duties as assigned.

All Softball bats must follow the current national guidelines for approved softball bats. City of Kent will not "grandfather" softball bats prior to 2013. No exceptions!!!!

Team Registration

Teams will be registered to play in the City of Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services softball program upon receipt of league fee and meeting all eligibility requirements.

Teams will be charged a league fee that covers the cost of umpires, field maintenance, field supervisors, lights, game balls, association dues (ASA & USSSA), trophies/awards, league administration and technology transaction fee.

Teams registering as **priority # 1 or 2** must turn in a team registration form and a completed roster with appropriate fees (minimum 1/3 of league fee, \$400.00) by Friday, February 26th.

Teams registering as **priority #3 or 4** must turn in a team registration form with appropriate fees (minimum 1/3 of league fee, \$400.00) by Friday, February 26th.

Teams registering as a **priority #5** may register starting Monday, February 29th on a first come, first served basis until all leagues/divisions are full or through Friday, March 4th, whichever comes first.

League Fees

Previous years, City of Kent Softball fees were divided into a Team Registration Fee and a Roster Fee. Starting in 2012, we combined these fees into one (1) League Fee.

In addition to the one fee, we will allow teams to have scheduled payments towards the final fees.

Fees:

League Fee: = \$1175.00

League fee allows teams to have up to 15 players on roster.

Teams needing more than 15 will be charged the extra player fee for each player over 15, not to exceed 20 players.

Extra Player Fee: = \$30.00

Maximum roster size is 20 players, no exceptions.

Transaction Fee: = \$1.00 per transaction

Each time your team makes a payment towards league fee, extra player fee, softballs, etc.; there will be charge of \$1.00 for the transaction.

Payment Schedule:

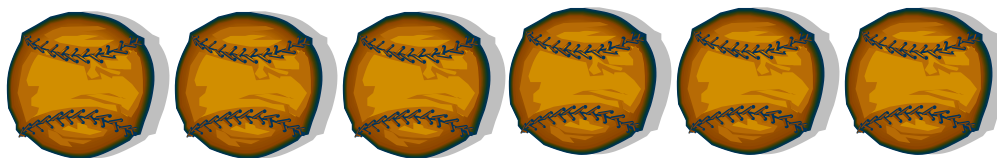
1st Payment: \$400.00, due at time of team registration. See deadline dates below.
Payment will hold a spot for your team in the league.

2nd Payment: \$400.00, due by March 21st, Managers meeting
Payment will confirm your commitment to the league. No refunds given after this payment is made.

3rd Payment: \$375.00, April 4th, game schedule release date
Game schedules will not be released until final payment has been made.

Deadline dates:

Priority #1-4 Registration deadline:	By Friday, February 26 th
Priority #5 Registration period:	Monday, February 29 th - Friday, March 4 th
Roster Due date:	Prior to first scheduled game (Priority 1 & 2 teams at time of registration)
Player Add/Delete deadline:	June 3, 2016



Team Classification

The City of Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services will offer the following Softball Leagues/Divisions for the 2016 Spring/Summer Season:

Leagues/levels may be combined if not enough teams to separate levels of play. Every attempt will be made to separate levels of play. However, depending on the number of teams registered, teams may be asked to move nights and/or combine with higher/lower levels. In each case, teams will be notified prior to final financial commitment.

Men's Program:

- ❖ Men's National League (2 Divisions) 16 teams class # 57502
League is for the above average players. Teams are generally classified as "C", "D" and upper "E" teams. Homerun Rule: 2, 3 or 4 over the fence, then progressive (teams will vote prior to games starting). Teams may request a primary playing night (Tuesday or Thursday). **All teams will be dual registered, ASA & USSSA sanctioned. Men's National League will be umpired by USSSA Umpires.**
- ❖ Men's Evergreen League (4 Divisions) 32 teams class # 57503
League is for the average players. Teams are generally classified as "E" teams. Homerun Rule: 1 over the fence, then progressive. Teams may request a primary playing night, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights. **All teams will be dual registered, ASA & USSSA sanctioned. Wednesday Night leagues will be umpired by ASA Umpires. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night leagues will be umpired by USSSA Umpires.**
- ❖ Men's Continental League (4 Divisions) 32 teams class # 57504
League is for the recreational/novice players. Teams are generally classified as "Rec." teams. Homerun Rule: 1 over the fence, then no progressive. Teams may request a primary playing night, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights. **All teams will be dual registered, ASA & USSSA sanctioned. Wednesday Night leagues will be umpired by ASA Umpires. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night leagues will be umpired by USSSA Umpires.**

Church Program:

- ❖ Church Competitive League (1 Division) 8 teams class # 57505
This league is for the more competitive church teams. 60% of the players must be active members/visitors of the sponsoring church and/or combined churches. Games will be played on Monday Nights. **All teams will be dual registered, ASA & USSSA sanctioned. All Church Leagues will be umpired by USSSA Umpires.**
- ❖ Church Recreational League (1 Division) 8 teams class # 57506
This league is for recreational church teams. 60% of the players must be active members/visitors of the sponsoring church and/or combined churches. Games will be played on Monday Nights. **All teams will be dual registered, ASA & USSSA sanctioned. All Church Leagues will be umpired by USSSA Umpires.**

Coed (Mixed) Program:

- ❖ Coed E League (1 Division) 8 teams class # 57507
This league is for the competitive/recreational level teams. Players having slo-pitch experience, males bat strong side, females use 11" softball. Teams are generally classified as "E" teams. Games will be played on Friday Nights, but teams may be asked to play 1-2 Sunday evenings during the season. **All teams will be dual registered, ASA & USSSA sanctioned. All Mixed Leagues will be umpired by USSSA Umpires.**
- ❖ Coed Recreational League (1 Division) 8 teams class # 57508
This league is for the recreational level teams. Players having limited slo-pitch experience, males bat strong side, females use 11" softball. Teams are generally classified as "Rec." teams. Games will be played on Friday Nights, but teams may be asked to play 1-2 Sunday evenings during the season. **All teams will be dual registered, ASA & USSSA sanctioned. All Mixed Leagues will be umpired by USSSA Umpires.**
- ❖ Coed Business League (1 Division) 8 teams class # 57509
This league is for the recreational level teams and 60% of players work for sponsoring business. Players having limited slo-pitch experience, males bat strong side, females use 11" softball. Teams are generally classified as "Rec." teams. Games will be played on Friday Nights, but teams may be asked to play 1-2 Sunday evenings during the season. If enough teams register, we will try and divide Coed Business into Competitive division and Recreational division. **All teams will be dual registered, ASA & USSSA sanctioned. All Mixed Leagues will be umpired by USSSA Umpires.**

In using City Park Facilities for any adult or youth community athletic program, as that term is defined in RCW 49.60.500, no group may discriminate in program participation on the basis of sex.

League Priority

In order to provide a quality program, there is a maximum limit on the number of teams that are allowed to play on City of Kent Parks, Recreation Services facilities each year. It is also very important that services be provided, first, to the Kent Community. Therefore, a priority system has been established to allow teams into league play.

1* 60% of the players must reside within the City of Kent or the Kent School District in unincorporated King County.

2* 60% of the players work for a (single) business, registered within the City of Kent or the Kent School District in unincorporated King County. *Church teams must have 60% of players' active members/visitors of sponsoring church and/or combined churches. All teams must have roster signed off by church administrator prior to league games starting and a second time prior to playoffs games starting.*

3 Teams that participated in the 2015 spring/summer or early fall seasons that retain a minimum of 10 returning players.

4 Returning teams that do not meet any of the above requirements.

5 New teams that do not meet any of the above requirements will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, until the league/divisions are full.

*** Priority #1 & #2 Teams:** Proof of residency/employment/membership may be required upon approval of team being placed. If needed, teams will be notified. Examples for documentation: drivers license, utility billing statements, company name badge, letter stating employment/membership from authorized personal from company/church.

Team placement:

Teams are encouraged to register early. However, registration is not on a first come, first serve basis (except priority #5 teams). Therefore, teams may not be placed into a league/division even if they register by the advertised deadline. If we have to reprioritize teams within a league/division, teams will be reprioritized according to the number of City of Kent/Kent School District residents on their roster. All priority #1 teams will be placed first, followed by priority #2 teams, etc...until all leagues/divisions have met the established maximum.

Full refund of fees will only be given if the league/division fills prior to your team being placed.

Team Roster

Every team registered to play in the 2016 Spring/Summer program must have a completed roster turned in prior to first scheduled game. However, for teams registering as **Priority 1 or 2** must turn in roster with a minimum of 10 players at time of team registration (Coed teams must have 5 men/5 females).

The following items must be completed for a roster to be accepted:

- ✓ Team Name/Sponsor
- ✓ Indicate the correct league & division
- ✓ Print first & last name of each player
- ✓ Players signature
- ✓ Players address, phone number and email address

Any falsification of player information will result in suspensions and/or disqualification from league.

League Play

- ✓ 2016 Spring/Summer league is tentatively scheduled to start the week of April 11-15, 2016.
- ✓ Each team will have **14 league games**, and **all** teams will be seeded into a modified single/double elimination tournament to conclude the season.
- ✓ Monday-Thursday night leagues: teams will be scheduled for double headers, may have an occasional single game.
- ✓ Friday and Sunday night leagues: teams will have all double headers for their schedule.
- ✓ Games will be played at Hogan Park @ Russell Road Fields 1-5, Service Club Ballfields Fields 1 & 4, North Meridian Park Fields 1 & 2, and/or Kent Memorial Park Field 3.
- ✓ Game times will be:
 - Monday-Friday Games: 6:00/7:15/8:30/9:45 pm
 - Sunday Games: 5:00/6:15/7:30/8:45 pm
- ✓ League play and playoff tournament should finish around mid-July.
- ✓ Awards:
 - League play: 1st place team – team trophy
 - Playoffs: 1st place team – team trophy and t-shirts for each player
 - 2nd place team – team trophy

Managers'/Coaches' Meeting

Prior to the season starting, all registered teams will be required to attend the Managers'/Coaches' meeting.

- Meeting Date:
Monday, March 21st
- Location:
Kent Commons Community Center, East Gym - 525 4th Ave. North, Kent, WA 98032
- Social Hour:
6:00-6:30 pm, meet all Softball Associations (ASA & USSSA)
- League Meeting:
6:30-8:30 pm

Door Prizes: If you, teammates, sponsor or area business has items that you can donate for door prizes, please contact the Program Coordinator at 253-856-5000.



Practice Field Information

Fields should be available for practice starting Wednesday, March 23 - Friday, April 8th.

Rental cost/times: Teams registered with City of Kent Adult Softball League will not be charged a rental fee for use of ball fields during preseason.

Mon.-Fri.: 5:30-7:00, 7:00-8:30, 8:30-10:00 pm
Sat., & Sun.: 9:00-10:30, 10:30-12:00, 12:00-1:30 pm
1:30-3:00, 3:00-4:30, 4:30-6:00 pm

More information will be available at the coaches meeting scheduled for Monday, March 21st.

Players' Code of Conduct

Every player participating in the City of Kent Adult Softball Leagues will be responsible to abide by the "Player Code of Conduct" and rules/regulations set for 2016 Spring/Summer League.

The City of Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services work hard to offer fun and competitive recreational sport leagues as a service and need for our community. We will not tolerate individuals or teams jeopardizing our commitment to this service.

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